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attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Upon entry of the February 20, 2009, claims 11-19 would be pending, with claim 11 being the sole pending claim in independent form.

As plainly evident in **Exhibit A**, applicant pointed out in the Remarks (pages 5-6) that the cited art (Adegawa) does **NOT** disclose or suggest the aspects of (a) registering a plurality of destinations, (b) for each registered destination, allowing a user to set reporting timings at which the communication management report is to be transmitted to the registered destination and registering the user-set reporting timings for the registered destination, and (c) the communication management report is transmitted to a selected destination at the user-set reporting timing for the selected destination. Each of these aspects is present in independent claim 11 of the present application.

Instead, in the approach proposed in Adegawa, the communication management report is output at precanned timings (see column 5, lines 44-51) that are not set by the user.

Applicant submits that the cited art, even when considered along with common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, does **NOT** render unpatentable the above-mentioned aspects of the present application.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the application is now allowable, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees in connection with this response, and to credit any overpayment during prosecution of this application, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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Amendment (in response to December 3, 2008 Office Action).

**Due Date: March 3, 2009**

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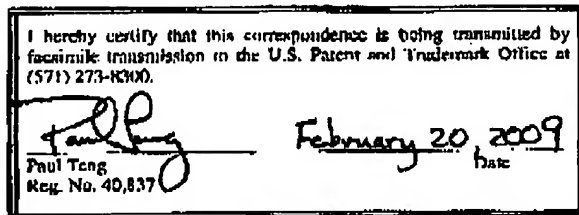
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AMENDMENT

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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**Listing of Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

11. (new) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a facsimile communication part configured to perform facsimile communications;

a storage part configured to store communication management information concerning the facsimile communications performed by said facsimile communication part;

an electronic mail communication part configured to transmit electronic mails;

a report generation part configured to generate a communication management report utilizing at least some of the communication management information stored in said storage part; and

a communication management destination registration part configured to register a plurality of destinations, and for each registered destination, allow a user to set reporting timings at which the communication management report is to be transmitted to the registered destination via electronic mail through said electronic mail communication part and register the set reporting timings for the registered destination,

wherein the communication management report is transmitted to a selected destination at the user-set reporting timing for the selected destination.

12. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the

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communication management report generated by said report generating part is set to be transmitted at a reporting timing when a total quantity of the communication management information in the storage part exceeds a predetermined amount.

13. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication management report generated by said report generating part is set to be transmitted at a reporting timing when a communication charge for a user reaches a predetermined amount.

14. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication management report generated by said report generating part is set to be transmitted at a reporting timing when a number of communications for a user reaches a predetermined value.

15. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication management report generated by said report generating part is set to be transmitted at a reporting timing when predetermined date and/or time arrives.

16. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication management report generated by said report generating part is set to be transmitted at a reporting timing when a number of communication failures exceeds a predetermined value.

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17. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said communication management report comprises communication management information concerning occurrences of communication error.

18. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein a mail title of the electronic mail transmitting the communication management report indicates a reason for the transmission.

19. (new) The network facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication management report is additionally transmitted by electronic mail to another destination for mail backup.



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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 3, 2008. Claims 1-10 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 11-19 have been added. Claims 11-19 would be pending upon entry of the amendment, with claim 11 being in independent form.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as purportedly indefinite. Claims 9 and 10 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

By this Amendment, claims 1-10 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 11-19. Applicant submits that the formal issues referenced in the Office Action have been addressed in new claims 11-19.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 7,230,733 to Adegawa.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is allowable over the cited art, for at least the reason that the cited art does not disclose or suggest the aspects of the present application that a communication management destination registration part configured to register a plurality of destinations, and for each registered destination, allow a user to set reporting timings at which the communication management report is to be transmitted to the registered destination via electronic mail through the electronic mail communication part and register the set reporting timings for the registered destination, wherein the communication management report is transmitted to a selected destination at the user-set reporting timing for the selected destination.

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Adegawa, as understood by Applicant, proposes a method for managing communications in an Internet facsimile apparatus, wherein a communication management report is generated each time an error occurs in a transmission to a destination via the Internet. In addition, Adegawa proposes that the communication management report can be printed after each predetermined time interval.

However, Adegawa says nothing whatsoever regarding (a) registering a plurality of destinations, (b) for each registered destination, allowing a user to set reporting timings at which the communication management report is to be transmitted to the registered destination and registering the user-set reporting timings for the registered destination, and (c) the communication management report is transmitted to a selected destination at the user-set reporting timing for the selected destination.

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Applicant submits that the cited art, even when considered along with common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, does **NOT** render unpatentable the above-mentioned aspects of the present application.

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